

**Abstract**

A system and method that provides a graphical user interface environment with a notification device. In a computer system having a graphical user environment, it is desired to have a mechanism for an application to notify a user that a process requires attention. This may be, for example, that an operation has finished, that a scheduled event has occurred, or that an application requires user intervention. In one embodiment of the invention, this notification mechanism is in the form of a notification window on the graphical environment desktop. The notification window may take the form of a ticker tape that is associated with a series of notify icons. A notify icon is an object in the graphical user desktop that is associated with an application.